

## REMARKS

At the time of the second Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-23 and 25-34 were present in the application. In the second Office Action, the following claims were finally rejected as follows:

- 1) Claims 29-31 and 33 were rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over HEINZ (146,590); and
- 2) Claim 32 was rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over applicant's admitted prior art in view of HEINZ.

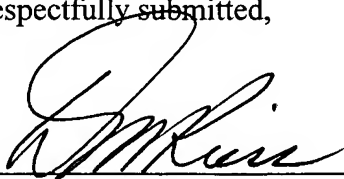
All of the remaining claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-23, 25-28 and 34 were indicated to be allowable.

Although applicant does not agree with the rejection of claims 29-33 as stated in the last Office Action, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, all of the rejected claims 29-33 have been cancelled herein.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims present in the application, claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-23, 25-28 and 34, which have already been indicated to be allowable are in condition of allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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